

GREENSBORO URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 27, 2004 1:00 p.m. Greensboro, NC Blue Room (County Commissioners' Briefing Room) Old Guilford County Courthouse

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>

Tyler Meyer	GDOT/MPO	Ed Lewis	NCDOT, PD&EA
Craig McKinney	GDOT/MPO	Frank Wyatt	Greensboro Engineering & Inspections
Peggy Holland	GDOT/MPO	Stephen Stansbery	Kimley-Horn Associates
Libby James	GTA	Don Bryson	Martin-Alexiou-Bryson
Scott Rhine	PART	Jody Lewis	Martin-Alexiou-Bryson
Alec MacIntosh	Greensboro Planning	Brian Wert	Martin-Alexiou-Bryson
Heidi Galanti	Greensboro Planning	Amy Dominello	Greensboro News & Record
Patty Eason	NCDOT, Division 7	Michael Brandt	Town of Summerfield
Marie Sutton	NCDOT, PD&EA		

Tyler Meyer called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Action Items

1. Approve Minutes of April 22, 2004

Frank Wyatt moved for approval of the minutes. Scott Rhine seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes as prepared.

2. Resolution of Support for Modification of Project R-4707

Tyler Meyer noted that a recent feasibility study of improvement needs on Summit Avenue from Brightwood School Road to Reedy Fork Parkway (formerly Eckerson Road) indicated the need to revise the project limits of R-4707. The recent analysis was conclusive about the need to improve Summit Avenue between Bryan Park Road and Reedy Fork Parkway: projected average daily traffic for 2030 is 22,000. This section of roadway should be tied into R-4707 because it is functionally related to the

proposed interchange improvements and because a significant portion of the projected volumes on this stretch would enter and exit the area via the interchange. NCDOT has reviewed and concurred with this conclusion. MPO action to support needed TIP amendments has been requested by NCDOT. Additional analysis will be needed in 2005 before a project can be developed for the corridor south of Bryan Park Road. The requested action is to recommend that the TAC approve the resolution as presented.

Scott Rhine moved to recommend that the TAC approve the resolution; Frank Wyatt seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the TAC approve the resolution of support as prepared.

3. 2004 Enhancement Projects

Peggy Holland provided an overview of the 2004 call for enhancement projects. She noted that MPO endorsement is required for applications to be considered by NCDOT. A short time frame was provided this year, which complicated the application process somewhat. Two applications from the area will be submitted. The first application, sponsored by the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, requests \$76,800 for construction of Phase II of the Southeast Connector pedestrian facility. The Southeast Connector will connect the Warnersville Recreation Center, Jones Elementary School, Sussman Street Park, Gillespie Golf Course, and Barber Park to each other as well as to neighborhoods and the downtown area. This phase will extend along the east side of Freeman Mill Road and Randleman Road, from Whittington Street to South Street.

The second application, sponsored by GDOT, requests \$137,500 to construct approximately 3,600 feet of multi-use path along Big Tree Way, between Shelby Drive and Guilford College Road. This project will enhance pedestrian connectivity, safety, and access to the Big Tree Natural Area, adjacent to the highly congested Wendover Avenue commercial corridor. The requested action is to recommend that the TAC adopt the endorsing resolutions as presented.

Heidi Galanti moved to recommend that the TAC approve the resolutions; Frank Wyatt seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the TAC adopt the endorsing resolutions as prepared.

Business / Potential Action Items

1. Reschedule July MPO Meetings

Tyler Meyer noted that the currently scheduled July date will work for the LRTP/ Conformity schedule after all, and so the proposed rescheduling is no longer needed from that standpoint. No change recommended.

2. Bridford Parkway Extension Update

Ed Lewis, NCDOT Public Hearing Officer, provided an update on NCDOT project U-4006, Bridford Parkway Extension to Swing Road at Burnt Poplar Road. He reviewed design details with the TAC and noted that a public workshop on the project was held on May 11, 2004. This workshop was an informal public hearing on the environmental analysis and preliminary design for the project and will be the last public meeting NCDOT will conduct on it. The final environmental analysis is expected to be complete

by December 2004. Right of way acquisition is expected to begin by January 2006, with construction beginning by January 2008.

Jim Westmoreland noted the need for metal mast-arms, sidewalk installation and coordination with GTA on nearby transit routes. MPO staff will follow up on these items.

3. Congestion Management System

Jody Lewis of Martin-Alexiou-Bryson provided an informational presentation about the draft Congestion Management System. He reviewed the analysis and recommendations, noting that continued work will be required from the MPO in this area in the future. Among the future tasks that the MPO will face are the need to collect travel-time data, and to develop an Inter-modal Management System (IMS).

Scott Rhine noted the vital economic importance of maintaining and enhancing the region's freight capabilities. Tyler Meyer agreed, noting that NCDOT would be convening a Freight Summit at NCA&T on June 21.

Tyler Meyer advised that the CMS document would be finalized and brought for review and approval at the July meeting.

Other Items

1. TCC Member Report

Patty Eason noted current Division 7 project status and upcoming activities.

Scott Rhine and Sandy Carmany noted current regional transportation issues and upcoming activities.

The TCC adjourned at 2:38 p.m.